



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3663

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For: FAILURE SENSING DEVICE OF VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 2, 2008 Office Action, and the June 6, 2008 personal interview, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Pipala in the June 6, 2008 personal interview and the May 27, 2008 telephone interview during which it was agreed that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0151490 to Gross would be considered in the next Office Action. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Loehr et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0023407 A1) in view of Toshifumi et al. (Japanese Publication JP-A-7-329701). The rejection of claims 1-18 is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a failure sensing device that is provided to said control unit with a smaller control load and an output portion that outputs information to the processing unit with